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DTI honors its top performers

DOVER — Delaware's Department of Technology and Information celebrated its employees' service to the citizens of Delaware recently at a recognition event held in Delaware State University's MBNA building.

Kathi Wyatt of Milford was named DTI Spirit of Excellence Employee of the Year. She was selected for her leadership of the Peoplesoft PHRST upgrade, which now allows for self-service enrollment for benefits.

The DTI Spirit of Excellence Employee Team of the Year is Karen Esposito of Milford and Ernie Chizmar of Dover. They were recognized for their contribution in leading other employees to a more healthy and fit lifestyle.

Two DTI employee received the America's Finest Hero award for individual acts of bravery and heroism. Dave Russell of North East, Md., saved a boy with mental challenges from crossing into traffic, and John Trabaudo of Smyrna, rescued a neighbor who had fallen under a tractor.

Richelle Edwards of Dover received the Good Neighbor award which is given to an employee who performs service to community outside of the workplace. Ms. Edwards has sponsored DTI's "Angel Tree" program for several years.

DTI's Change Management Team, Pam Waters, Cindy Bray, both of Dover, and Nancy Erwin of Blades, received the Celebrating Innovation Award for the implementation of Change Management in state government.

Two public sector vendors also received awards today for the service to citizens via their work with DTI staff. Bob Wright of Organization Development Associates received the Together We're Better award for his facilitation in helping DTI create its first three-year strategic plan. Ted Ware of IBM provided critical assistance to DTI staff when dealing with a mainframe computer hardware failure.

Fourteen other DTI employees received "Good News" awards which recognize personal employee development milestones such as completing a professional certification or completing higher education.